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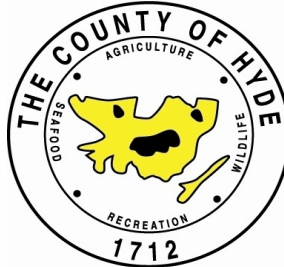
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Community Development Academy

During March and April 2013, the Planning Director Assistant attended and successfully completed the UNC School of Government's Community Development Academy. This intensive 6-day course is designed for community development practitioners and covers the concepts, methods, and strategies of community economic development. The course provides community development practitioners with significant perspective and practical skills surrounding community development in North Carolina. Topics covered included: community development finance, affordable housing strategies and tools, role of economic development, CDBG and related grant programs, environmental finance, visioning and citizen participation, tools for group decision-making, purchasing and contracting, measuring success, and grants management. Attendance at the Academy was paid for using one of Hyde County's open CDBG grants. The knowledge obtained at this Academy will help to expand the Planning Director Assistant's capacity in assisting with Hyde County's community development needs, including housing and infrastructure.